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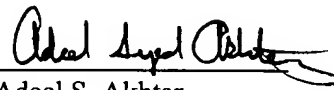
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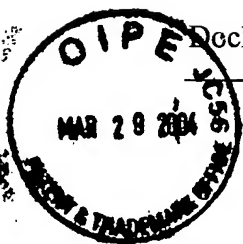
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- (X) A Supplemental Information Disclosure Statement.
- (X) A PTO Form 1449 with 3 references listed.
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